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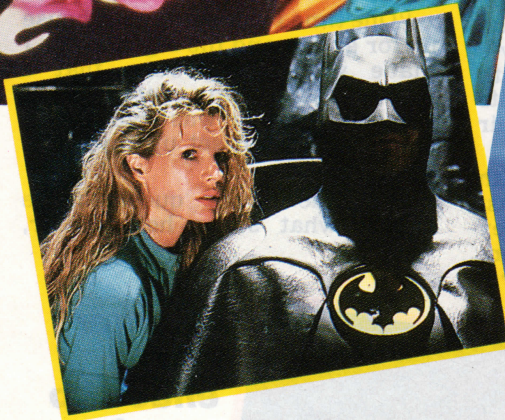
The Dark Knight returns... on video!



COLLECTORS of Batman comics might be interested to learn that the first edition featuring Bob Kane's Winged Wonder will fetch a cool \$20,000 on today's open market.

Film producers Jon Peters and Peter Guber might even pay a little more. Fans since childhood, the pair spent some nine years to-ing and fro-ing with scripts and storylines for their \$60 million celluloid tribute, one of 1989's most talked about films.

Now on Warner video, Batman is a highly entertaining two hours. It may not be the ultimate as far as



true fans are concerned. It is closer in spirit to the Eighties version of the Batman comic. This new Batman, now known as the Dark Knight, is moody and disturbed and nothing like the campy hero in the popular Sixties TV series.

Batman is hardly a kids' film — it is rather violent and full of adult concepts — but its all-round appeal still makes it a winner.

Star of the show is undoubtedly the

MAIN PICTURE: Jack Nicholson as the Joker. The film also stars (inset left) Kim Basinger as Vicki Vale and Michael Keaton in the title role.

scene-stealing Jack Nicholson as the no-good Joker.

Michael Keaton is Batman, who otherwise is laid-back philanthropist Bruce Wayne. Keaton is charming throughout, especially when he is wooed by photographer Vicki Vale (Kim Basinger).

Freeze FRAMES

FANS of Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire films will enjoy Bert Rigby You're a Fool (Roadshow). This tale of one man's fight for his dying village in the north of England is super stuff. The comedy begins when coalminer Bert Rigby (Robert Lindsay), an avid Kelly fan, enters an amateur talent quest . . . and wins. After a brief touring stint around England, he is whisked off to Hollywood where his luck comes and goes. Along the way he encounters a delightfully lisping Anne Bancroft and a slimy Corbin Bernsen. Directed and written by Carl Reiner, Bert Rigby is a hilarious and warm film littered with fantasy musical tributes.

WIN GREAT PRIZES

Holy Bat Packs!

TV WEEK and Warner Home Video have a Bat Pack and six consolation copies of the Batman video for lucky Video Vibes readers.

The Bat Pack includes a copy of the video, a compact disc of the film soundtrack from WEA Records, a limited edition Batman satin jacket and a limited edition Batman designer watch by Fossil . . . all great prizes no Bat fan would be without!

On the back of an envelope tell us

who created the original comic book character Batman. Then, in 15 words or fewer, say why you think Batman has survived the test of time.

Send entries to Batman Contest, Video Vibes, PO Box 1913R, Melbourne 3001.

The contest is open to everyone except employees of Southdown Press and Warner Home Video and their associated agencies.

The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Entries close last mail April 6.